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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EXPORT LICENSE FOR SMALL ARMS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

1. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) HAS REQUESTED JUSMAG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR EQUIPMENT IN USED CONDITION REQUIRED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPLIES TO THIS REQUEST:

- A. US COMMERCIAL APPLICANT IS COASTAL EXPORT
- CORP., 150 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TARRYTOWN,
- NY 10591.

- B. PHILIPPINE CONSIGNEE IS SQUIRES BINGHAM
- MANUFACTURING CO., INC., 11TH FLOOR,
- JMT BLDG., 6764 AYALA AVE., MAKATI, RIZAL,
- PHILIPPINES.

- C. SQUIRES BINGHAM IS A PRIME CONTRACTOR TO
- THE AFP FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SMALL ARMS
- AMMO.

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- D. APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES NUMBERS
- 049248 AND 052828 WERE DISAPPROVED BY THE
- OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL, MARCH 2, 1978.

- E. USG TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGES (TDP) FOR
- 5.6MM AMMO WERE PROVIDED TO THE GOP ON

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- FMS CASE DA PHIL UBE.

3. COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED ARE BEING FORWARDED TO EA/PHL BY POUCH.

4. INCLUDED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE IS A MARCH 2 LETTER FROM MUNITIONS CONTROL TO COASTAL EXPORT STATING THAT "APPROVAL OF YOUR REQUESTS WOULD NOT BE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES." THIS JUDGEMENT APPEARS INCONSISTENT WITH OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIONS DURING THIS SENSITIVE PERIOD IN DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE BASES. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE USG PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TDP FOR 5.56MM AMMO, TACITLY CONVEYING APPROVAL FOR THIS PHILIPPINE SELF-RELIANCE DEFENSE PROJECT.

5. THE CURRENT REQUEST FROM THE AFP FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER RESULTS FROM A RECENT FIRE WHICH DESTROYED OR DAMAGED MUCH OF SQUIRES BINGHAM'S LOCAL SMALL ARMS PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT. RAPID APPROVAL OF COASTAL EXPORT'S LICENSE(S) APPLICATION WOULD DEMONSTRATE US RESPONSIVENESS TO A PRESSING AFP NEED AND COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL BENEFIT IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOP.

6. WE NOTE THAT THE LICENSE(S) APPLICATION MENTIONED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS FOR MANUFACTURE OF .30 CALIBER AMMO. WE BELIEVE THE EQUIPMENT CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

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USED FOR BOTH .30 CALIBER AND 5.56MM AMMO. ONLY 5.56MM AMMO PRODUCTION WAS CITED BY THE AFP IN ITS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO JUSMAG.

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DECISION ON THE EXPORT LICENSE(S) CITED ABOVE BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARAS FOUR AND FIVE ABOVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM AFP OF RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE. STULL

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